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(54) Title: NOVEL PEPTIDE INHIBITOR OF HIV FUSION THAT DISRUPTS THE INTERNAL TRIMERIC COILED-COIL OF GP41

(57) Abstract: This invention relates to a novel peptide inhibitor of HIV fusion that disrupts the internal trimeric coiled-coil of gp41, to a pharmaceutical composition that comprise this inhibitor, and to methods of treating immunodeficiency disease, especially HIV, that employ such a pharmaceutical composition.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
Y	US 6,150,088 A (CHAN et al.) 21 November 2000 (21.11.2000), entire document, especially col. 10, lines 33-37 and 55-59 (modification/overlap of N36 or C34 of gp41 to create inhibitor of HIV).	1-7, 9-15, 17-18, 20
Y	US 2002/0077284 A1 (ECKERT et al.) 20 June 2002 (20.06.2002), entire document, especially paragraphs 0012, 0095 (variants of C34 to disrupt binding to N36 and thus inhibition gp41 (HIV) inhibitory activity).	1-7, 9-15, 17-18, 20

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Continuation of Box I Reason 2:

Claims 1-7, 9-15, 17-18, and 20 are objected to under PCT Rule 66.2(a)(v) as lacking clarity under PCT Article 6 because the claims are indefinite for the following reason(s): no searchable structure/sequence (i.e. corresponding to the claimed variants of known SEQ ID NO: 1) was claimed, thus only a general search of the invention as to these claims could be conducted.

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